

Marshfield Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. • Thursday, April 28, 2016 • Old School House Common

Members present: Jon Groveman, Faeterri Silver, Bob Light, Michael Schumacher, Melissa Seifert, and Ivan Shadis. Others Present: Bonnie Waninger (CVRPC), Bob Popp, Anne Reed (C.C.). The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm.

1. **Changes to Agenda** – No changes
2. **Welcome Ivan** – Ivan welcomed
3. **Approve Minutes** – Minutes from the April 7th meeting are corrected to reflect Bob Light as the sole author of the letter mentioned. The corrected minutes are approved unanimously
4. **Discussion with RPC/Conservation Commission about May 19th Forum and Planning Grant** –

The Conservation Commission (CC) is interested in applying for a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) to do a wildlife inventory in Marshfield. The Planning Commission (PC) is interested in applying for an MPG to fund its zoning revision project. Only one MPG may be awarded to a municipality in a given year. PC and CC members agree that a wildlife inventory is a mutual interest, but that one could not be finished in time to be part of the PC's zoning revision process.

Including funding for the CC wildlife inventory within a PC grant application, seeking funding from the select-board for the CC to begin a wildlife inventory in anticipation of their applying for an MPG grant next year, and seeking out alternative grants which the CC wildlife inventory would be eligible for were each suggested.

Bonnie Waninger of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) reports that having a Designated Village Center will improve our chance of being awarded an MPG grant.

Bonnie Waninger will bring findings on grant opportunities and funding schemes to the C.C.

Jon Groveman will send itemized expense proposal for our revision process to the C.C.

Someone from the PC will talk to the Selectboard and set up a meeting with the State to have a village center designation presentation.

Ivan Shadis will attend future CVRPC meetings as a representative of the PC.

Members of the PC will photograph scenes in Marshfield which exemplify our rural character as we wish to preserve it and deviations from it we wish to avoid and then send them to Bonnie Waninger.

5. **Review details of forum** –

Jon Groveman attended the April 19th Selectboard meeting, updated them on our forum, and urged them both to attend the forum and track our revision process. The Selectboard will send a member to the forum.

The purpose of the upcoming forum is to explain the Town Plan, as adopted by the Selectboard and approved by the CVRPC, and our reasons for doing zoning revision to the people of Marshfield. Presentations will be given toward this end as follows:

A Welcome outlining the Town Plan and the purpose of the forum will be given by Jon Groveman.

Our survey and its results will be presented on by Melissa Seifert.

The Town Plan will be presented on by Jon Groveman.

Information about zoning will be given by Bob Light and Michael Schumacher.

A presentation on our rural character and G.I.S maps will be given by Bonnie Waninger and Daniel Currier of the CVRPC.

Recordings of the presentations will be taken and made available on public access by Ivan Shadis.

In advance of the event the following will be done to create publicity:

Ivan Shadis will write an article on the event for publication in The World. Melissa Seifert will find out about using the Library board. Faeterri Silver will put up around the area, notices will be submitted for publication in Field Notes, the Hardwick Gazette, and on Front Porch Forum.

Planning commission members are counted on to bring food to the forum.

6. **Zoning Administrator's report** – A big sugaring shack is being built off route 2 and may require ACT 250 proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivan Shadis

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Approved May 5, 2016